GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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TRADE IN KIDNEYS
Jagannath Dr. M.

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the illegal trade in kidneys has been increasing over the years in the country inspite of the enactment of the Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994;

(b) if so, the remedial measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken to find out the lacunae in the existing Act to make it more effective?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c): The Directorate of Health Services in the concerned State is the appropriate authority under the Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994. No reports have been received from the States to suggest that the illegal trade in kidneys has been increasing over the years. The Director General of Health Services in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India is the appropriate authority under the Act in respect of the Union Territories. During the current year, no reports have been received from the Union Territories about illegal trade of kidneys.